

Quick Guide to Student Funding, 2020-2021

Students in the Health Behavior, Global Health, and Health Equity, Social Justice and Human Rights MPH concentrations, as well as those in the Health Behavior Doctoral Program, fund their education through a combination of sources, including: fellowships and awards; research, teaching, and graduate assistantships; loans; and outside funding. This guide provides information about tuition-related attendance costs and relevant funding opportunities.

For information about other UNC-Chapel Hill funding sources, consult:

- ◆ The Graduate School (<https://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/>)
- ◆ Gillings School of Global Public Health (<https://sph.unc.edu/students/tuition-and-fees/>)

Tuition-related costs

Tuition at the non-resident (out-of-state) and resident (in-state) rates for the Gillings School of Global Public Health (see <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/>). *Please note* that these rates are subject to change.

- ◆ MPH students pay the *GRADUATES – MPH* rate for the fall and spring semesters and, as applicable, for the summer sessions.
- ◆ Doctoral students (MSPH-to-PhD and PhD tracks) pay the *GRADUATES – Other Degree* rate for the fall and spring semesters and, as applicable, for the summer sessions. (See the *Health Behavior Doctoral Program Handbook* for summer enrollment information).

UNC fees (see <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/student-fees/>)

- ◆ UNC fees cover Board of Governor-approved Services such as Campus Health Services, Student Legal Services, and Safety and Security Services.
- ◆ Students not enrolled in one or both of the summer sessions but pre-registered for the fall semester who wish to receive care during the summer at Campus Health Services must pay the summer Campus Health Fee; the 2019 fee was \$50.00 per summer session.

Health Behavior concentration-specific and program fees (separate from UNC fees)

- ◆ MPH students in the Health Behavior and Health Equity concentrations pay a one-time required Field Fee of \$600 that helps support the field work (Practicum and Capstone) students complete during training. For administrative purposes, this fee is tagged onto HBEH 746 (Capstone I) and collected in the fall semester of year 2.
- ◆ PhD and MSPH-to-PhD students pay a one-time required Orientation and Graduation Fee of \$250 in the fall semester of year 1. The fee helps support the cost of professional development activities, events, and resources over the course of their training.

Tuition, Student Fees & Health Insurance (2020-2021)		
	MPH	
	Resident	Non-resident
Tuition (fall or spring) ^a	\$9,209.00/sem	\$17,693.50/sem
UNC Fees (fall or spring)	\$ 985.32/sem	\$ 985.32/sem
HB Fees (fall year 2)	\$ 600.00/one time	\$ 600.00/one time
Health Insurance	\$1,308.40/sem	\$1,308.40/sem
Tuition (summer) ^b	\$ 285.00/credit	\$ 886.00/credit
UNC Fees (summer)	\$ 18.53/credit	\$ 18.53/credit
PhD and MSPH-to-PhD		
	Resident	Non-resident
Tuition (fall or spring) ^a	\$5,709.00/sem	\$14,193.50/sem
UNC Fees (fall or spring)	\$ 985.32/sem	\$ 985.32/sem
HB Fees (fall year 1)	\$ 250.00/one time	\$ 250.00/one time
Health Insurance	\$1,308.40/sem	\$1,308.40/sem
Tuition (summer) ^b	\$ 285.00/credit	\$ 886.00/credit
UNC Fees (summer)	\$ 18.53/credit	\$ 18.53/credit

^aFull credit load; ^bSummer 2020 costs shown. MSPH-to-PhD students register for 1 practicum credit in Summer Session I or II.



Health insurance (see: <https://campushealth.unc.edu/charges-insurance/mandatory-student-health-insurance>)

- ◆ Health insurance is **mandatory**; students are required to enroll in the University's Student Health Insurance Plan or provide a completed, verified, and approved waiver (hard waiver) showing other insurance coverage for *each* semester they do not enroll in the student plan.
- ◆ Students enrolled under Student Blue, standard student plan, are billed for half a year at a time. Fall payment covers the premium from August 1st through December 31st. Spring payment covers the premium from January 1st through July 31st. The insurance rate for the 2020-2021 academic year is \$1,308.40/semester.
- ◆ Students on the RA/TA plan (GSHIP) will have their premium paid monthly by the sponsoring funding source. Coverage is only available during the period for which the student is employed. Graduating students will have insurance terminated on the last day of the month they graduate in (December or May), but qualify for short-term enrollment in an alternative plan through BCBS or the health insurance marketplace. Students who graduate in August terminate May 31 or July 31 at the discretion of the academic department.
- ◆ The minimum annual compensation level to qualify for GSHIP coverage is \$5,700. If students will not meet this minimum during the academic year, they are not eligible for GSHIP. This policy primarily affects students hired on a half time or other part-time basis if not working for the full year.
- ◆ Students on the RA/TA plan must submit a hard waiver to verify enrollment in the GSHIP plan at <http://studentbluenc.com/#/uncch> or they will be charged \$1,308.40 per semester (i.e. the Student Blue premium) on their University account.

What funding does Health Behavior have for students?

Who's eligible and how are awards allocated?

Tuition Remission (TR) awards pay the difference between non-resident and resident tuition (see <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/>) for out-of-state students. The Department receives a variable and limited number of TRs from the Graduate School each year for allocating to qualifying students. Tuition remissions:

- ◆ Must be paired with a research assistantship (RA) or teaching assistantship (TA) that pays the minimum service stipend (paid monthly) set annually by the Graduate School, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate¹), and health insurance.
- ◆ May be divided between two RA/TA sources with pro-rated payments of the stipend, in-state tuition, and health insurance (a half-time TR pays half the stipend, half of in-state tuition, and full health insurance; if two sources are paired, health insurance is prorated).
- ◆ Half-time TRs are available only to MPH students, not MSPH-to-PhD or PhD students.
- ◆ Are not available for summer sessions.
- ◆ Are allocated to out-of-state recipients of MPH, MSPH-to-PhD and PhD recruitment scholarships; international students with a qualifying RA/TA; select out-of-state, first year doctoral students with a qualifying RA/TA; and select out-of-state, first and second year MPH students with a qualifying RA/TA.

Teaching Assistantships (TAs) are service awards that accompany an appointment as a teaching assistant for a departmental course. Teaching assistantships:

¹ The Academic Affairs tuition rate is currently \$5,276 for those enrolled full-time. Note that because the requirement is only for in-state tuition at the Academic Affairs rate, students may be responsible for the additional in-state SPH tuition (currently \$3,933 for MPH students and \$433 for MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students).



- ◆ Require 16 hours/week of service for MPH students and 18 hours/week of service for MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students per semester (17 weeks).
- ◆ Pay a monthly stipend at the Graduate School minimum stipend rate, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), health insurance, and mandatory UNC student fees (Health Behavior fees are not included).

Half-time TA awards require half the service requirement and pay half the stipend, half of in-state tuition, half of mandatory student fees, full health insurance (subject to meeting the insurance eligibility requirement of a minimum of \$5,700 compensation for the year). Doctoral students are ineligible to receive half of in-state tuition or half of mandatory student fees unless they have another half-time TA or RA appointment, which combined equals the minimum \$7,850 compensation.

- ◆ Are offered for fall and spring semesters for courses taught by HB faculty. Eligible students may apply for fall and spring TAs via a departmental process, and selections are made by the Department in consultation with course instructors.
- ◆ Usually require the student to have taken the course, or a similar one, previously. As a result, doctoral students (excluding first year MSPH-to-PhD students and some first semester PhD students) and second year MPH students are most likely to be eligible, though there may be opportunities for first year MPH or MSPH-to-PhD students as well. Applicants should consult specific course criteria for eligibility descriptions.

Research Assistantships (RAs) are service awards for appointments as a research assistant on a faculty or departmental project. Research assistantships:

- ◆ Require 16 hours/week service for MPH students and 18 hours/week service for MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students per semester (17 weeks).
- ◆ Pay a monthly stipend at the Graduate School minimum stipend rate, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), health insurance, and mandatory UNC student fees (Health Behavior fees are not included).

AY 2020-2021 Minimum Stipend	
MPH	Doctoral
\$5,700/semester	\$7,850/semester

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- ◆ MPH, MSPH-to-PhD, and PhD students are eligible depending on specific project requirements.
- ◆ Selection is made by the faculty member offering the RA.

Graduate Assistantships (GAs) are hourly paid assistantships on a faculty or departmental project with variable requirements for number of hours and hourly wage. GAs:

- ◆ Are not eligible for tuition remission, in-state tuition, or fees.
- ◆ Do not usually include student health insurance.
- ◆ Are open to MPH, MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students depending on specific project requirements.
- ◆ Selection is made by the faculty member offering the GA or faculty/staff supervising the position.

School-Based Tuition (SBT) Awards are tuition awards beginning at variable amounts that are allocated to MPH students, which come from tuition receipts to the School.

- ◆ In order to enhance recruitment of high priority applicants and to increase diversity of the incoming class, a portion of the Department's SBT allocation is used to recruit admitted applicants selected by the MPH Admissions Committees.



- ◆ Both incoming and continuing students MPH students are eligible to apply for Graduate Assistant positions funded through a portion of the remaining SBT allocation. The solicitation for this process occurs early in the Fall semester.
- ◆ The final portion of SBT funds is used to provide some support for students engaged in unpaid summer practica.

Recruitment Awards are used to cover training costs. Sources of funding include fellowships and awards funded by the Graduate School, Gillings School of Global Public Health (SPH), and the department as funds are available, such as the Dorothy Dunn, Hochbaum, Gillings Merit, and Alumni Annual Fund awards.

- ◆ Recruitment awards vary in what they pay, from full tuition, stipend, and health insurance for the first one or two semesters to monetary awards that may be applied to tuition and other expenses.
- ◆ Recruitment awards typically have a service requirement (i.e., 16 hours/week for MPH students or 18 hours/week for MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students on a faculty or departmental project).
- ◆ All incoming admitted students are eligible depending on specific award criteria.
- ◆ Applicants do not apply for recruitment awards; recipients are selected by the Department, SPH, or Graduate School based on materials in the student's application for admission.

Health Behavior Recognition Awards are monetary awards, allotted as funds are available, in recognition of student accomplishments, such as the Kathy Kerr Memorial Scholarship (2nd year MPH), Lucy S. Morgan Award (1st year MPH), Harriett Hylton Barr Memorial Award, and Lansky Family Endowed Scholarship.

- ◆ Awards vary in the amounts paid.
- ◆ For the Kathy Kerr Memorial Award and the Lucy S. Morgan Award, students are nominated and voted on by students, faculty, and community preceptors via a departmental process.
- ◆ For other awards, selection is made by the Department according to fund stipulations.

Health Behavior Travel Awards are awarded each semester to help support travel for students presenting a paper or a poster at either a public health or specialty conference.

- ◆ All Health Behavior students are eligible.
- ◆ Students apply for awards in fall and spring via a departmental process.
- ◆ The Department makes the selection.

